

REMARKS

This is intended as a supplemental response to the Response to Office Action dated June 19, 2009, which was filed on September 10, 2009.

Claims 1 and 3-22 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-22 stand rejected by the Examiner. Reasons for reconsideration of the rejected claims were presented in Response to Office Action filed on September 10, 2009.

Priority Document and Interview Summary

The Examiner indicated that Applicant had not filed a certified copy of the priority document, EPO 03023826.5, as required by 35 USC 119 (b).

In response, Applicant filed a Request to Retrieve Electronic Priority Application (PTO/SB/38) on August 14, 2009. In Response to Office Action filed on September 10, 2009, Applicant inadvertently did not mention the PTT/SB/38 form filed on August 14, 2009, or the fact that PTO had already retrieved the certified copy of the priority document EPO 03023826.5 on April 20, 2006 as shown in PAIR.

During a telephone conference with Examiner Hanway Chang on October 28, 2009, Applicant's representative, Nan Carr, pointed out to the Examiner that the priority document EPO 03023826.5 had been retrieved by PTO on April 20, 2006. Examiner Chang reviewed the document in PAIR and acknowledged that certified copy of priority document EPO 03023826.5 has been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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